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In re Application of :
Crutcher, et al. :
Application No. 09/904,646 : **ON PETITION**
Filed: July 12, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. 42390P10469 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 30, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." There is no fee for the renewed petition. This is **not** a final agency decision within the meaning of 5 USC 704.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper response to the final Office action mailed March 7, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on June 8, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 22, 2005.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:
(1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

The instant petition lacks item (1), the required reply.

With the instant petition, petitioner filed an amendment in reply to the final Office action. However, the examiner has determined that the amendment did not *prima facie* place the application in condition for allowance.

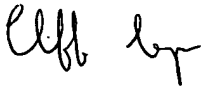
On renewed petition, petitioner must submit a proper reply in response to the final Office action. The proposed reply to a final Office action required for consideration of a petition to revive must be either (1) a Notice of Appeal (and fee required by law); (2) the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) or if applicable, 1.53(d); or (4) a request for a continuing examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cliff Congo".

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